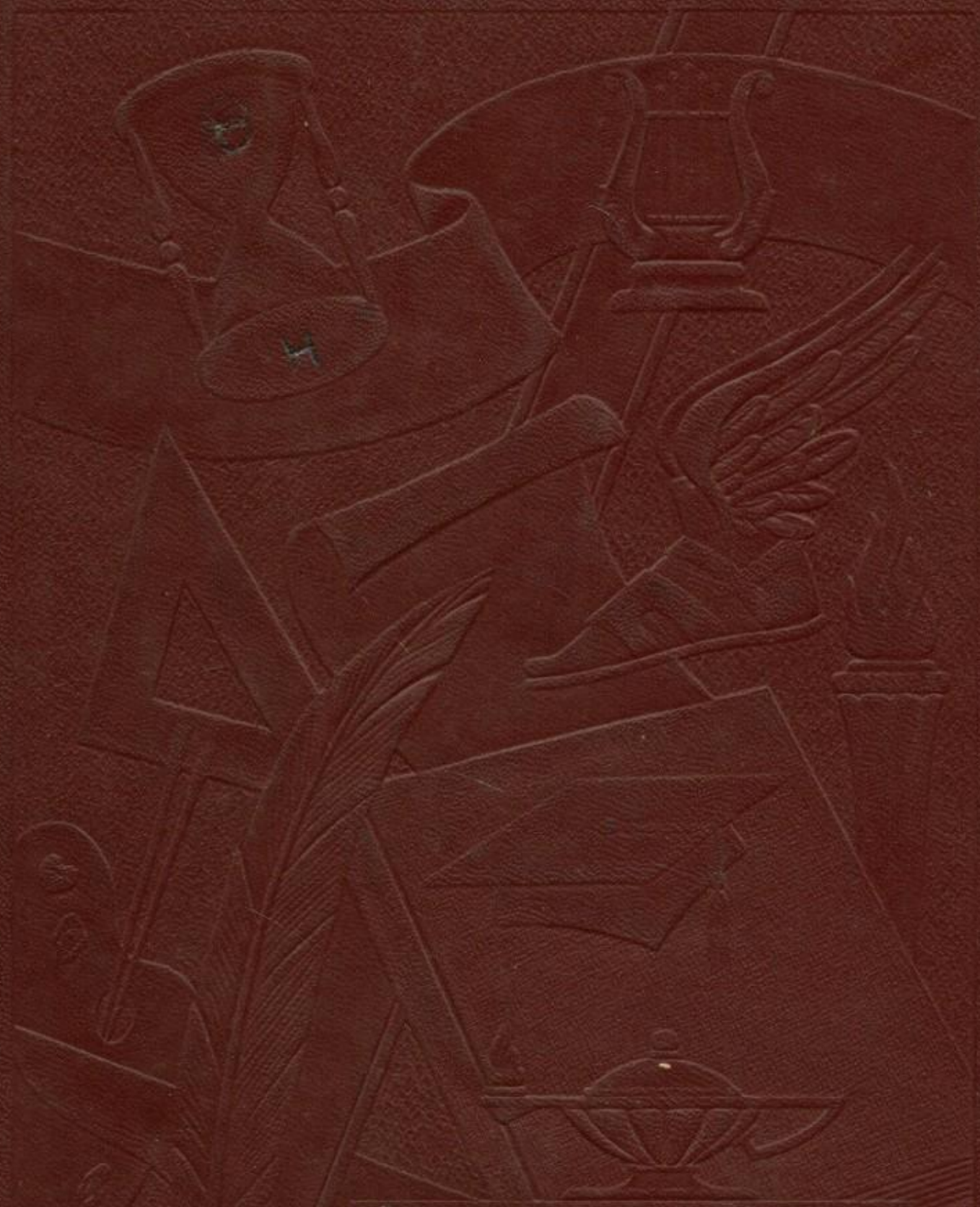

RE-ECHO

1954

Dear Sal,

Has Norm been over lately or does he more or less live over there. Lets go for a ride in the jeep how about it. Wouldn't it be fun to go on doubles with Jerry ..... and Norm. Remember all the fun we had in Home Ec. throwing eggs and just kinda fixing up the room April Fools Day. Remember that delicious sherbet you made. good It sure has been nice knowing sure a sweet and cute kid. I wish you all the luck in the world with school and with Norm. Take it easy on the bashful kid. (Not no more)

A classmate
Grace G.

Dear Sally,
Here's wishing
a real swell kid
a loads of luck in
the future.
P.S. Remember
me!
Junior
"Clara"

Dear Sally,
I wish you all
the happiness
in the world
Sandra

Dear Sally,
Here's wishing you
the best of everything in your
future years. It has been nice
knowing you. I think you're a swell
kid. (I imagine Norm does too!) I will
never forget the good times we have had in
English Class. We really talked about dozens of
things. Boys being our favorite subject. Certain boys
Be good to Norm and tell him not to work so
After all you have to see him some time. Come
me some day (night) when you haven't anything
too hard on him.

A Classmate and Friend,
Lois
"56"

(You never can tell might
make it yet!)

Dear Sally,
Here's wishing you
good luck to you in
the future. I'm looking
forward seeing you next
year.

A classmate,
Marilyn
'56

Dear Sally
Good Luck to you.
Norm Stu

Dear Sally,
I wish you all
the happiness possible
with Norm. Wouldn't
you like to walk home
every day?
Shirley
Chard
"54"

Dear Sally,
Here's wishing "you the
best of luck. Warning"
stay away from the "man"
life is to short.
Lover Boy
Tom
"57"
I hope

DEAR
Sally,
I wish in your coming
marriage that you will have A happy
And Useful life And may all the
be bright + right Luck
L.F.

Dear Sally,
Been working all the
week and never to a
very [illegible] girl in 6th
hour) great pal.
As Ever Friend.
Bob '55

BYRON CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

The Freshmen, Helen Webber and Skip Lenard, hold the doors open to you for a review of the past activities and classes in 1954. May you have an enjoyable trip.

Dedication

We, the Senior Class of 1954, proudly dedicate this annual to the Byron Center Commercial Association for their willingness and helpfulness to us in all our school activities. They give freely of their time and money for any project that we undertake. For their complete cooperation and unselfishness we have taken this way of expressing our very grateful "thank you."

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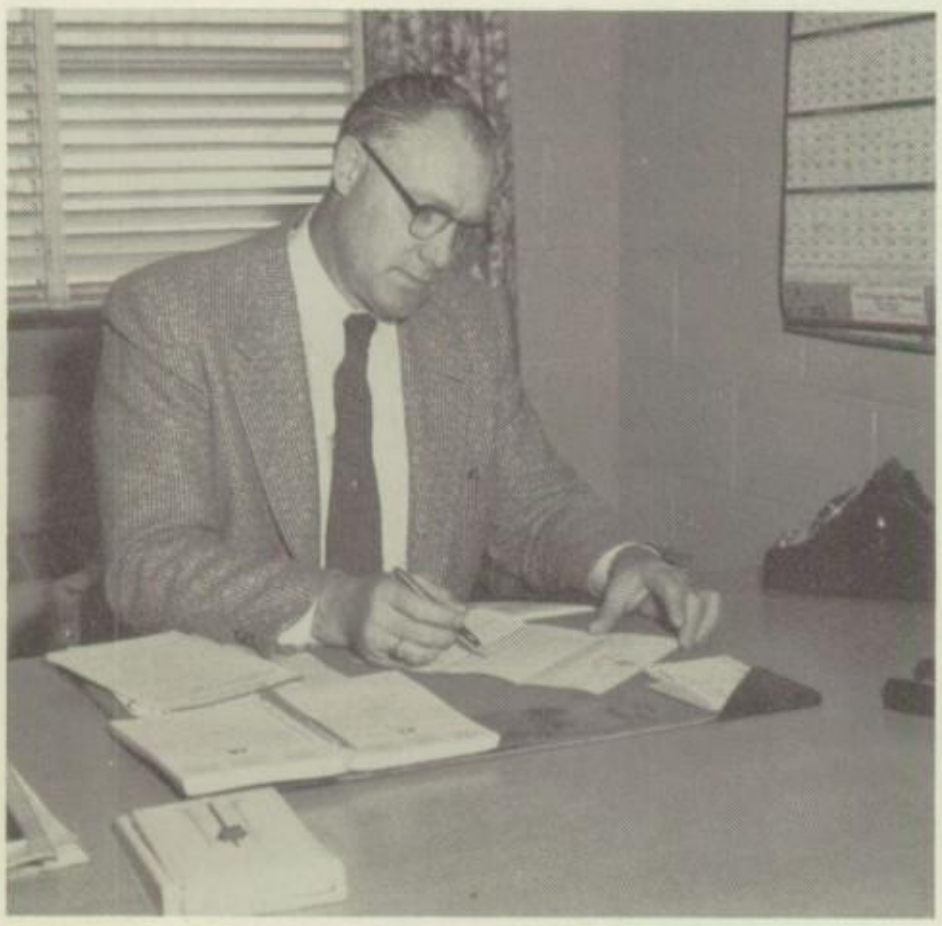
"I guess I'll have to ride with you today. My wife wants the car."



Dear Sally,
Here's loads of success and happiness to a good Sophomore
B Klinesteker

Mr. Klinesteker
Principal
Science
A. B. Western
"Now begin with your first hour class."

Jayne Postma
Secretary
"Now really!"

Faculty

Best Wishes
Gordon Wells

Mr. Bernard Klinesteker
Senior Advisor
Science
A.B. Western
"Will the following people please come to the office?"

Miss Barbara Burk
Senior Advisor
Commercial
B.S. Western
"Get rid of your gum."

Mr. Gordon Wells
Senior Advisor
Math and Science
B.S. Western
"Be quiet, or I'll change your seats."

Mr. Roger Wells
Junior Advisor
Music
Ypsilanti
"Let's settle down."

Miss Hill

Miss Shirley Hill
Junior Advisor
English
A.B. Hope
"There's too much undertone in here."

Mrs. Sylvia Williams
Sophmore Advisor
Home Economics
B.S. Western
"Take out a piece of paper."

To Sally,
Remember that I got you
to sit middleing for
English!
Sylvia Williams

Mr. Fred Service
Sophmore Advisor
Social Science
B.S. Western
"You follow me?"

Mr. Robert Van Klompen Berg
Freshmen Advisor
Shop
B.S. Michigan State
"Let's get to work."

Bless you, Sally, for
being about the most
meticulous, persevere,
last human student
I've ever had! Don't
ever change up that fond mind!!
Joan Boucher

Miss Joan Boucher
Freshmen Advisor
Vocal Music
Language
A.B. Aquinas College
Chicago Musical College
B.M., M.M
"If you can wait so can I."

Mr. Silas Moore
Junior High
A.A. Belmont Abby, Jr. College
A.B. Queen, Charlotte, N.C.
"Oh! that nice southern drawl."

Seniors

Ellen Adamson — Ellen

Ever loyal, ever true, to the task she has to do.

Chorus	1,2,3
Librarian	2,3,4
Play Cast	3

Mary Baird — Mary

When she played, the atmosphere around was filled with music.

Chorus	1,2,3,4
Band	1,2,3,4

Norma Bartz — Norm

Her mind is like a sun dial, it records only pleasantness.

Class Secretary	1,3
Librarian	2,4
Queens Court	1
Chorus	1
Editor of Echo	4
Student Monitor	4

Lloyd Barton — Lloyd

"After four years of faithful service---I'm laid off."

Class Treasurer	1

Linda Bazan — Lin

Bubbling over with laughter and fun, with never a worry for work undone.

Chorus	1,2,3,4
Basketball	1,2
Drum Majorette	4
Class President	1
Student Council	1
Queens Court	3

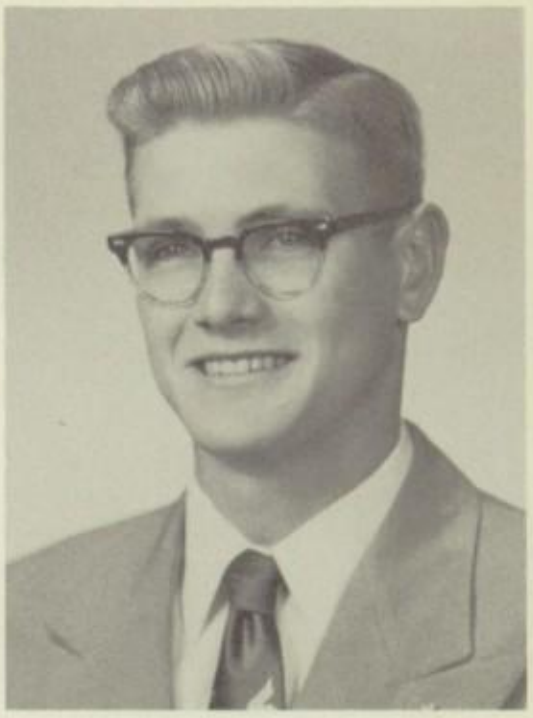
Melvin Berkompas — Mel

"Judge me not; I'm an unjudgable man."

Basketball	1,2,3,4
Band	1,2,3,4
Play Cast	3,4
Student Council	4
Class Vice President	2
Athletic Association	1

Evelynne Beute — Ev
Entered as a Junior
Her heart is like the moon--
there's a man in it.

Echo Staff	4
F.H.A	3



Robert Beute — Bob
Never speak sense when nonsense
will answer the purpose as well.

Play Cast	4
Class Secretary	2

Daniel Buckowing — Dan
I'll get there----somehow.

Football	1,2,3
Football Manager	4

Alyce Burmania — Alyce
"There are two sides to every
question, my side and the wrong
side."

Play Cast	3,4
F.H.A.	3
Top Magazine Salesman	3
Echo Staff	4

Shirley Chase — Shirl
Earnest in work, friendly to all.

Class Secretary	1
Band	1
F.H.A.	3
Class Vice President	3
Echo Staff	4

Larry Christian — Chris
All the world loves a lover.

Basketball	1,2,3,4
Band	1,2,3,4
Chorus	1,2,3,4
Football	2,3,4
Play Cast	3,4
Baseball	1

Crystal Dyer — Chris
Energy and persistence conquer all things.

Basketball	1,2,3,4
Chorus	1,2,3,4
Band	1,2,3
Cheerleading	1,2,3
Class Officer	2,3
Queens Court	2

Marlene Dykstra — Marlene
Silence is a fine jewel.

Chorus	1,4
F.H.A	3
Echo Staff	4
Play Cast Prompter	4

Donald Fitzpatrick — Don
Entered as a Junior
"Try to argue if you can, I can beat most any man."

Secretary of Ag. Class	4

Gerald Grasman — Jerry
Entered as a Junior
Knowledge shows power and A's show knowledge.

Baseball	3,4
Basketball	3
Play Cast	3
Class Officer	4

Willard Groenewoud — Willie
Entered as a Junior
Easy Come, Easy Go.

Herman Klunder — Herm
Entered as a Sophomore
If business interferes with pleasure--you know the rest.

Katherine Klunder — Tooty

"I can live without poetry or walking, but who in the world can live without talking."

Basketball	1,2,3,4
Band	1,2,3,4
Chorus	2,3,4
Play Cast	3,4
F.H.A.	3
Band Secretary	4

Julia Koster — Julie

Entered as a Junior

Slow and steady, yet always ready

Chorus	3
F.H.A.	3

Anna Mae Kroll — Mae

Entered as a Sophomore

"I believe all people should be good, but not too good."

Chorus	2,3,4
F.H.A.	3
Librarian	4
Play Cast	4

Theressa Lameyer — Theres

Entered as a Junior

The human countenance smiles upon those who smile.

Basketball	3,4
F.H.A.	3
Class Secretary	4
Queens Court	4
Alpha Beta Pin	3

Edward MacDonald — Ed

Man is born to act.

Baseball	1,2,3,4
Basketball	1,2,3,4
Band	1,2,3,4
Football	3,4
Class Officer	1,3
Student Council President	4

Geraline Mann — Jerri

Entered as a Sophomore

No words can express her infinite sweetness.

Student Council Secretary	4
Echo Staff	4
Homecoming Queen	4
Student Monitor	4

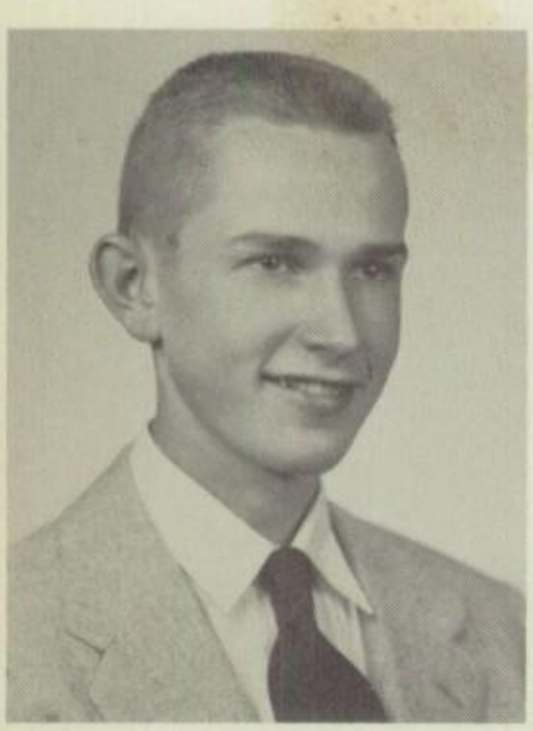
Colleen Martineau — Coke
Quiet people are welcome every where.

F.H.A.	3
Echo Staff	4
Chorus	4

Lyle Miller — Lyle
"When I feel like exercising, I just lie down until the feeling goes away."

James Mohr — Jim
"The world has yet to know its greatest man."

Play Cast	4



Leila Monroe — Liler
There's a little bad in every good girl.

Band	1,2,3,4
Class Treasurer	2
Alpha Beta Pin	2
Student Council	3
Play Cast	3
Band President	4

Tressa Morren — Tres
Entered as a Junior
To judge a maiden right, you must know her well.

F.H.A.	3
Chorus	3

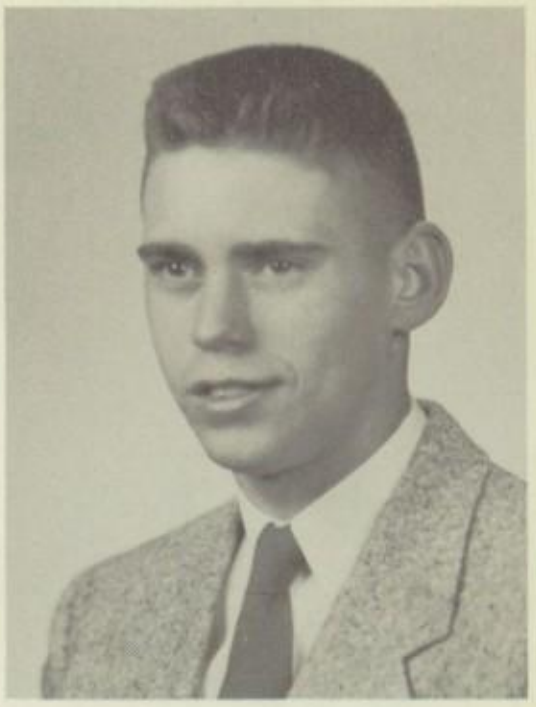
Marjorie Pitsch — Marge
A little rebellion now and then is a good thing.

Chorus	1,2,3
Play Cast	3,4
F.H.A.	3
Student Council	2
Echo Staff	4

Nancy Ross — Nanc

Life is easy, smooth, and slow, do what comes and let the rest go.

Chorus	1,2,3
Play Cast	3,4
Basketball	1,2
F.H.A.	3
Echo Staff	4



Henry Pratt — Hank

The combined qualities of a man and a dream boy.

Band	1,2,3,4
Football	2,3,4
Basketball	2,3,4
Chorus	1,4
Class President	4
Play Cast	4

Ronald Sabin — Ron

A wise man never falls in love.

Basketball	1,2,3,4
Football	1
Class President	2
Student Council	2

Shirley Ann Schuh — Shirle

Transferred as a Junior

Pleasure and action make the hours seem short.

Play Cast	3,4
Chorus	3,4
F.H.A.	3
Librarian	4

James Silvernail — Jim

I came, I bluffed, I graduated.

Basketball	1,2,3,4
Baseball	1,3,4
Play Cast	3,4
Football	2

Burrell Stein — Burrell

Entered as a Sophomore

Humor is mankind's greatest blessing.

Football	2,3,4
Baseball	2

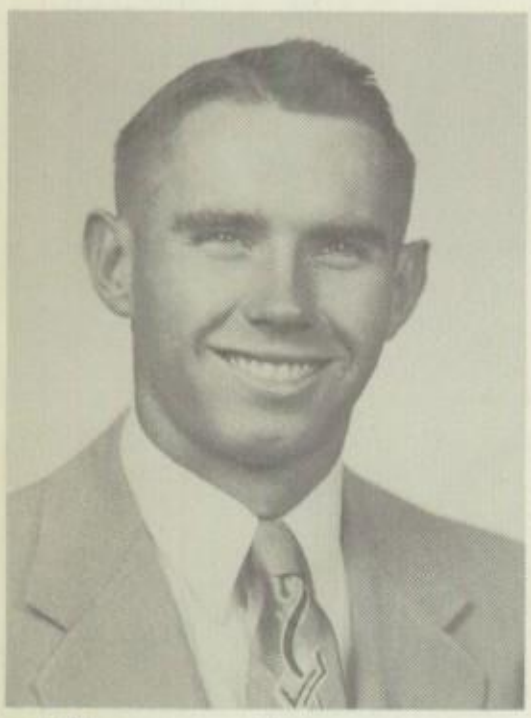
Diane Terpstra

Diane Terpstra — Diane
She believes in fun, even if she is quiet.

Play Cast Prompter	3,4
Class Treasurer	1
Chorus	4
F.H.A.	3
Echo Staff	4

Anton Vander Lugt — Bud
Entered as a Junior
Ready to help any fair maiden in distress.

Baseball	3,4
Band	3,4
Chorus	3,4
Football	4
Class Treasurer	4
Play Cast	3



Cliff Van Hoven

Clifford Van Hoven — Cliff
Entered as a Junior
Burdens become light when cast aside.

Football	3,4
Baseball	3,4

Phyllis Wolf — Phil
In school a quiet lass, she seems to be, but who knows if it's true when she's free.

F.H.A.	3
Echo Staff	4

Shirley Wolf — Shirley
A blush, beautiful but sometimes inconvenient.

Chorus	1,2
Play Cast	3
Librarian	4
Student Monitor	4
D.A.R. Representative	4
F.H.A.	3

Lorraine Wustman — Dimples
Entered as a Junior
Quiet? You should know her better.

F.H.A.	3
Chorus	4
Librarian	4

Not pictured — Richard Day

CLASS HISTORY

In September of 1950, forty-two little green plants appeared in Byron Center High School. Miss France and Mr. Burt gave them advice on how to take care of themselves and learn how to keep from being run over by the big lawn-mowers. When he was away tumbling, Linda Bazan took over. The one who wrote down what the little shoots did was Shirley Chase. Lloyd Barton collected the raindrops for their benefit. Elgin McConnon kept the plants acting their best. Our choice rose in the queen's court was Norma Bartz. The student council representatives were Edward MacDonald and Linda Bazan. We sponsored the donkey basketball game that year.

In our Sophmore year the big weed was Ron Sabin. The next biggest weed was Melvin Berkompas. Bob Beute wrote down the elements. Leila Monroe kept the plants in order. Mr. Folkert and Mr. Wells gave the plants food. The student council representatives were Ron Sabin and Margie Pitsch. Our sun-flower in the queen's court was Chris Dyer. The plants that wilted were Ted Ecker, Charles Colegrove, Shirley Schild, and Florence Ensing.

In our Junior year, we had sprouted into a bed of forty-six growing plants. Chris Dyer presided over the blossoming group. When she was struck by a hoe, Shirley Chase took over. Norma Bartz kept track of the year's happenings. Edward MacDonald took the gold out of the golden rods. Don Dykstra kept the group in hand. Miss France and Mr. Klinesteker were the gardeners who gave us our vitamins. Our carnation in the queen's court was Linda Bazan. We all busied ourselves getting ready for our play "Spring Fever." Student Council representatives were Leila Monroe and Chris Dyer.

By the time we were Seniors we found ourselves grown into a sturdy and blooming bunch of forty-three plants. We picked the following flowers who helped throw a little sunshine our way: Henry Pratt was president, Gerald Grasman, vice-president, Theressa Lameyre, secretary, and Bud Van Der Lugt treasurer. Miss Burk, Mr. Klinesteker, and Mr. G. Wells were our advisors. Student council representatives were Melvin Berkompas and Henry Pratt. Our Queen was Jerri Mann. Our lily-of-the-queen's court was Theressa Lameyer.The plants that wilted were Don Dykstra, Marjorie Vander Weide, Wayne Gaines, and Fred Kastner. On October 8, 1953, we had our pictures taken. We rustled our leaves and prepared for our play "Everything Happens To Us" on November 19 and 20. Our Baccalaureate was held at Byron Center Reformed Church on May 30, 1954. Our Commencement Exercises were on June 2, 1954.

CLASS PROPHECY

In September of 1965, I a representative of the Michigan Government was appointed by Govenor Bud Vander Lugt, to investigate Byron Township in regards to their request that the state build a mental hospital in Byron Center. Since I graduated from Byron High School in 1954, I thought it would be an interesting business trip back to my old town since my many years in politics.

I arrived at the Lansing airport where I was to board a plane to Byron Center. Much to my amazement I found my pilot to be Jim Silvernail, and the pleasant looking stewardess was Diane Terpstra. Both of them former classmates of mine.

At the Byron Center airport I was met by the Byron Center Mayor, Henry Pratt, and with him was his private secretary, Norma Bartz. Sence it was almost noon Mayor Pratt suggested going to the Byron resturant before going to his office. We stopped at a very exquisite place called the "Town House". It stood in the place of the former "Center Cafe". We were told by a waitress Phyllis Wolf that Katherine Klunder and Alyce Burmania were owners of the resturant. After eating a delicious dinner we returned to the mayor's new car to proceed to his office. On the way there I noticed that Byron Center had grown and there were many new buildings and establishments. Some of them were being run by former classmates of mine.

Larry Christian had taken over the former Harkema Grocery Store and had several other chain stores under his jurisdection. Herman Klunder, and Williard Growneyoud were co-owners of the barber shop and cigar store. Marlene Dykstra and Colleen Martineau were busy making the Byron women look pretty in their new Beauty Parlor. A new fire department had been built and the fire chief, James Mohr, waved proudly as we drove past. The next building we came to looked like a modern, but small hotel. The sign out in front read, "Donald Fitzpatrick and Richard Day--Morticians". Just down the street I saw another sign that read, "Shirley's Studio and Camera Shop". Norma told me one of our old classmates, the former Shirley Wolf, was operating it. Next to the Camera Shop stood a large colonial style home owned by Byron's Justice of the Peace, Clifford Van Hoven. Byron Center's sherriff's car passed us and much to my suprise it was Melvin Berkompas. Riding with him was one of his duputies, Burrell Stein.

Mr. Pratt also told us of other changes in Byron. Mae Kroll had opened a home for the old people, and a new church had moved to Byron and Ronald Sabin was minister. The Church's orgainst and choir leader was the former Mary Baird who was happily married but still farming in the muck.

Evelynne Beute is married to a Wustman boy now and she is President of the Wustman Products. I was told she had several little Wustmans. Shirley Chase is working as one of Evelynne's secretarys.

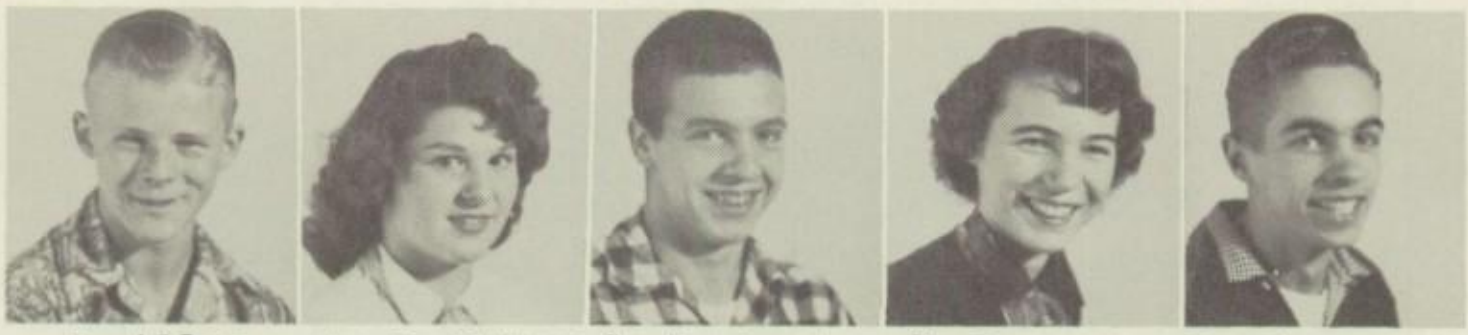
We finally arrived at Byron's new Post Office Building where the Mayor's office and several other county and city offices are located. As we entered the building the first person I recognized was Robert Beute, who is head clerk of the post office. He was selling some air mail stamps to Tressa Morren who is not married and is still writing to all her male fans in the Armed Forces. We then rode up an elevator to the second floor where the mayor has his office. As we walked down the hall towards his office we past the offices of Kent County Agricultural Agent Edward Mac Donald. I stopped in to chat with him and I saw Jerri Mann working as his secretary. The next office I passed was that of Byron's Garbage Collector, run by Lyle Miller. Another was the office of the Comsomer Power Company controlled by the former Chris Dyer and her husband. Farther down the hall was the office of the Real Estate Agent, Lloyd Barton and next to him was the office of Nancy Ross Kent County Red Cross nurse. We then arrived at his office where we discussed plans for the hospital. He was going to appoint the former Theressa Lameyer as campaign furn chairman to raise funds for the hospital. Theressa had just opened a new dry doods and variety store. After leaving the mayor's office I decided to go up to the old high school and see what changes they had made there. As I started down main street I met Margie Pitsch who is now married and living in Wayland. We got on the subject of what some of our former classmates were doing. She said Lorraine Wustman was modeling bathing suits for Marshall Field and Company in Chicago, and that Linda Bazan was living in Florida. She owned an orange juice factory. Leila Menroe had fulfilled her high school dreams and she was roping steers on her large plantation in Arizona. After chatting with her I proceeded on my way to the school. As I passed a new home I recognized the lady playing with her children. It was the former Julia Koster. I stopped and had a brief visit with her.

I finally arrived at the high school grounds. At first I hardly recognized it. It looked more like a college campus. Several new buildings had been added and the old buildings had been repaired to look like new. After browsing through some of the halls I went to the school office. Inside was Ellen Adamson busy typing out some business letters for the Superintendent, Gerald Grassman. Mr. Klinesteker is still Principal. After a short visit with them I realized it was time to catch my plane back to Lansing. When I left the building in such a hurry I ran into Dan Buckowing the school janitor who was sweeping off the sidewalks.

After boarding the plane back to Lansing I smiled and thought to myself, this has been a pleasure trip as well as a business trip.

Michigan Representative
Shirley Ann Schuh

Juniors



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Warren Huyser

Not Pictured: J. Wilson, C. Covert.

J. Vorenkamp, L. Walton, D. Welch, R. Woormeester, J. Wilson, J. Walma, L. Ambrose, R. Ball, V. Baker, J. Balzeski, L. Bellefeuille, G. Brown, R. Brown, J. Burmania, D. Chase, L. Cheyne, J. Dailey, R. Dailey, A. Daining, M. Dykstra, G. Edema, H. Elzinga, M. Elzinga, B. Grinwis, D. Haff, J. Hansen, B. Haverkamp, D. Homrich, M. Jelsema, L. Kipen, M. Klunder, S. Layle, M. Lynema, J. Middlebush, T. Moore, C. Nicholson, G. Nederveld, P. Nederveld, G. Nederveld, F. Peet, P. Rairigh, H. Rock, B. Reynolds, G. Reeder, E. Roelof, K. Sterkin, J. Stoken, W. Terrell, B. Terpstra, P. Terpstra, R. Terpstra, M. Teunessen, T. Vander Weide, J. Vande Wege, L. Van Haitsma, C. Van Vleet, J. Veldheer, M. Veldheer, R. Veldhouse, R. Ziel, C. Burmania, M. Kiezer, Mr. Huyser.

Junior High

S. Adamson, C. Alberta, P. Annis
V. Baker, C. Benton, H. Blain,
G. Black, K. Boss, A. Buckowing,
E. Burgess, K. Bylsma, B. Carten,
J. Christian, J. Conrad, J. Dailey,
G. Deater, P. Demarest, M. DeVries,
D. De Vrou, P. Dykstra, L. Ecker,
J. Edema, M. Fortuin, J. Gilbert,
K. Gipe, W. Hamm, P. Harmsen,
G. Hirst, A. Hudson, C. Isenhoff,
D. Isenhoff, R. Jennette, E. Keil,
J. Kavanagh, D. Lilly, J. Marrit,
T. Mac Donald, Y. Martineau,
L. McKinney, K. Middlebush, G. Parker,
J. Moore, K. Neff, E. Pepper, N. Peterson,
T. Richards, D. Reitman, P. Rischouw,
T. Scheltema, A. Schiebout, S. Schiebout,
F. Schouw, W. Scott, D. Slater, L. Stallard,
G. Terrell, R. Thomas, P. Vander Moere,
V. Visser, S. Westra, J. Watterson, C. Wierenga,
L. Wycoff, Miss. Cook, Mrs. Marshall.

Mr. Klinesteker
B. Nyenhuis
S. Isennoff
L. Marshall
H. Pratt
C. Van Hoven
P. Vanden Berg
P. Syswerda
C. Dyer
1st Sem. Mayor
E. MacDonald
J. Mann
C. Schut
Not pictured:
2nd Sem. Mayor
M. Berkompas

The purpose of the Student Council is to secure the greatest possible benefits from student participation in school activities. The membership is composed of two representatives of each class chosen by the student body and working under the guidance of Mr. Klinesteker. The president of the three senior high classes, and the officers of the Student Council are elected in the spring so that the Student Council is active at the opening of school.

Some of the duties performed by the Student Council are: choosing various boards, and sponsoring noon entertainment. It has supplied the school with a new projector, and they assumed the responsibility to help pay for the Public Address System in the school. The Council also has a voice in the various disciplinary problems which come up during the school year.

Staff

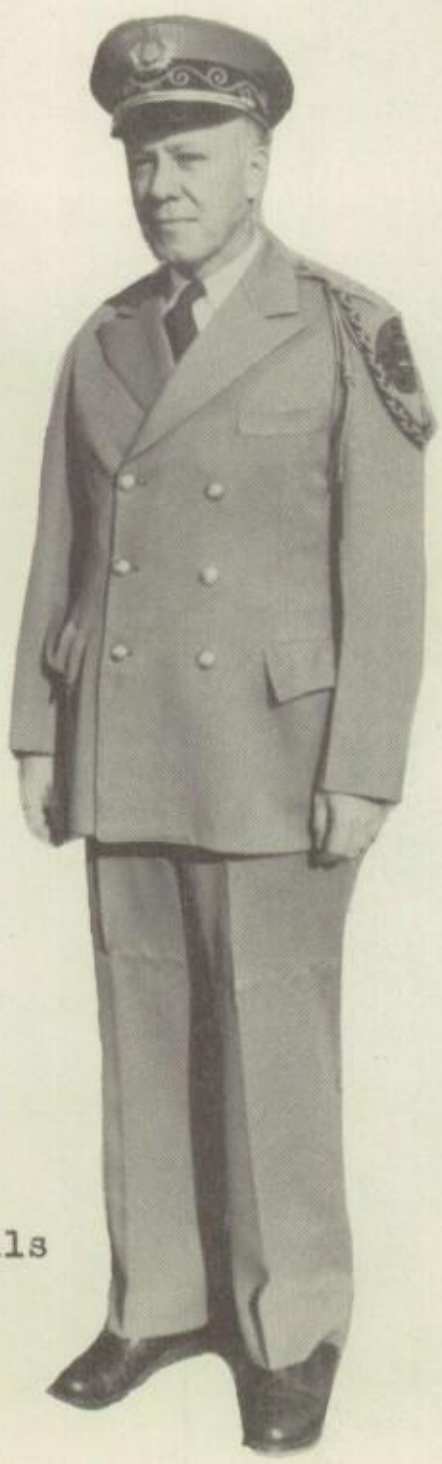
Back Row: Jerri Mann, Shirley Schuh, Katherine Klunder, Nancy Ross, Lorraine Wustman, Diane Terpstra, Mae Kroll
Front Row: Shirley Wolf, Marge Pitsch, Co-Editors

Back Row: Phyllis Wolf, Marlene Dykstra, Ellen Adamson, Colleen Martineau, Leila Monroe, Alyce Burmania
Front Row: Norma Bartz, Chris Dyer, Lynda Bazan, Evelynne Beute

Band

DRUMS
D. Elzinga
A. Hudson
C. Hirst
M. Van Den Berg
D. De Vrou
L. Mc Kinney

BASS HORNS
W. Borrink
B. Middlebush



DIRECTOR
Mr. R. Wells

MAJORETTE
L. Bazan

TROMBONES & BARITONES
M. Berkompas
D. Nedervelt
G. Sterken
E. Mac Donald
A. Elzinga

CORNETS
L. Brown
G. Brown
L. Christian
B. Slot
G. Dorman
F. Schouw
D. Lilly
J. Gilbert

SAXOPHONES
J. Christian
J. Boes
P. Demarest
H. Blain
P. Van Den Berg
C. Slotman

CLARINETS
H. Pratt
B. Vander Lugt
C. Carten
P. Black
L. Monroe
K. Klunder
J. Kavanagh

HORNS
M. Klinge
M. Baird
N. Peterson
J. Moore

Chorus

SOPRANOS

ALTOS

DIRECTOR
Miss
Boucher

BASES AND TENORS

Plays

Junior Play

SPRING FEVER

Standing left to right: E. Adamson, L. Christian, E. Mac Donald, J. Silvernail, B. Vander Lugt, G. Grasman, M. Berkompas, S. Schuh, L. Bazan.

Seated left to right: A. Burmania, S. Wolf, K. Klunder, L. Monroe, M. Pitsch, N. Ross.

Senior Play

EVERYTHING HAPPENS TO US

Standing left to right: L. Christian, J. Silvernail, H. Pratt, R. Beute, J. Mohr, M. Berkompas.

Seated left to right: S. Schuh, A. Kroll, N. Ross, A. Burmania, M. Pitsch, K. Klunder.

Classes

AMERICAN LITERATURE
Studying America's great authors.

HOME ECONOMICS I
Learning to be housewives.

TYPING I
The future office workers.

BIOLOGY
Learning the facts of bugs.

SHOP II
They'll build a house someday.

ENGLISH 9
Breaking them in right.

ENGLISH 10
The "Ancient Mariners".

AG II
Landscapers

Homecoming

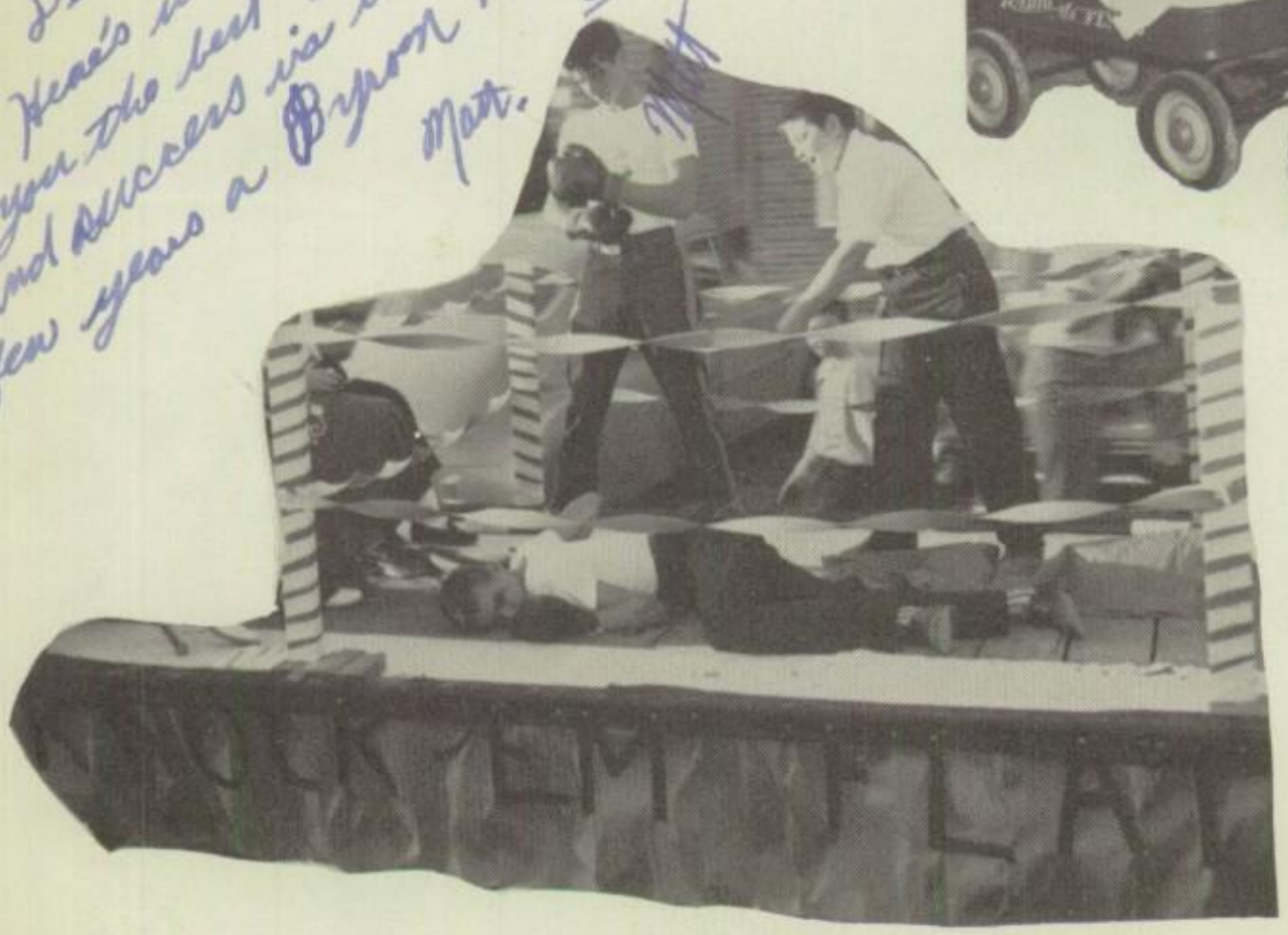
Somthing Old

Our Marching Band

Winning Float--8th. Grade

Night Time Festivities

Dear Sally,
Here's wishing
you the best of luck
and success in There last
few years a Byron High.
Mat. "5'7"



Honorable Mention--9th. Grade

The hand that crowned
the Queen, Jerri Mann

QUEEN AND COURT
Jerri Mann

Mary Klinge
Darla Laninga

Theressa Lameyer
Susie VanderHout

Our Queen Geraline
makes her command.

The niceat float....The prettieat Queen.

Snaps

"The Gay 90 Girls"

"Mighty Mouse"

See Anything?

Thinker

Freshies

Money-makers

Every bit a Queen

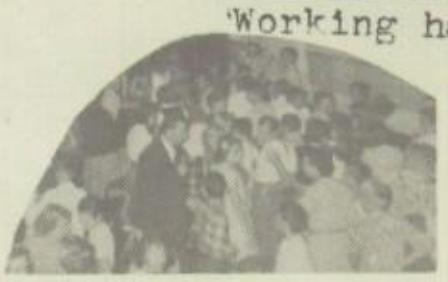
Super

Working hard??

Beauty on Parade

Big Wheel

Studious



Orderly

Cousins???

That Ipana Smile!

Gloria Hamm

Vicious

Summer Tan

Aren't they beautiful, Carroll?

Stepladder, please?

Easy does it

Three Musketeers

Peek-a-boo

Good old B.C.H.

Study Hall???

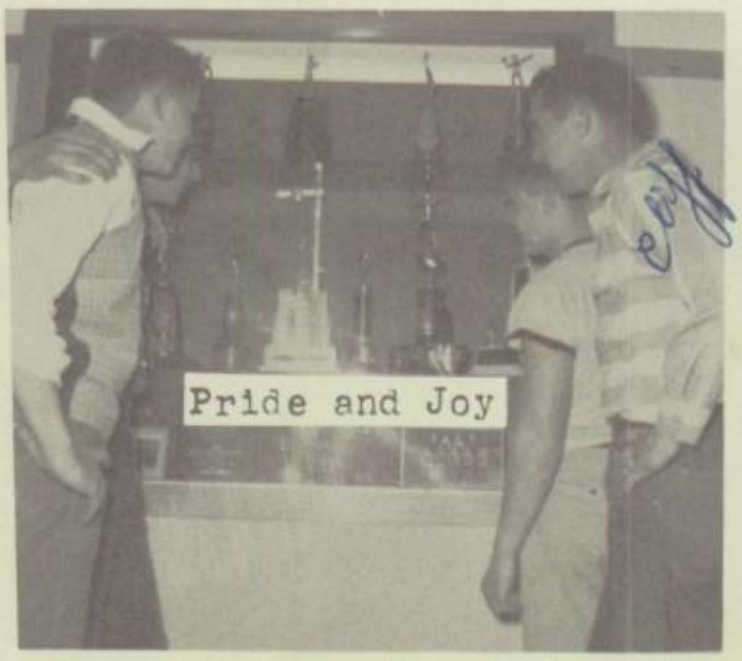
Old Faithful

"Relaxing"

Four Hits and a Miss

Posing

See something, Jackie?



Pride and Joy

Oh! this muddy weather

Librarians

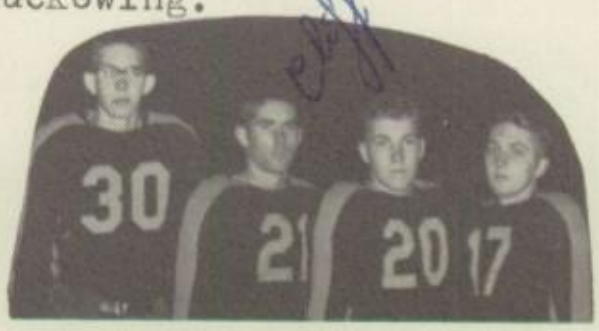
Standing left to right: Carol Hirst, Shirley Schuh, Shirley Wolf, Norma Bartz, Loretta Beilfuss, Lorayne Wustman, Gloria Dorman, Rose Dykstra, Lois Swenson, Marilyn Rillema, Eugene Jones, Carol Sabin, Norma Middlebush.
Seated left to right: Ellen Adamson, Sharon Arendson, Miss Hill(Advisor) Fern Bellefeuille.

Cheerleaders

Kneeling left to right: Gloria Hamm, Darla Laninga,Marie Selvig.
Standing left to right: Marilyn Rillema, Loretta Beilfuss, Mary Klinge, Susie Vander Hout.

Standing from left to right-Terry Nyenhuis, Bob Gill, Dave Van Strien, Ken Idema, Bud Vander Lugt, Cliff Van Hoven, Larry Christian, Burrell Stein, Benny Card, Bob Nyenhuis, Clayton Buckowing, Gordy Goorhouse, Ken Terpstra.

Kneeling from left to right-Curtis Jones, Bob Vance, Benny Osinga, Jim Van De Wege, Skip Lenard, John Klinge, Ray Nichols, Bart Middlebush, Leon Flannery, Manager, Dan Buckowing.



Bud Cliff Larry Burrell

Mr. Service

Dan

Mr. Huyser

Bud

Ed

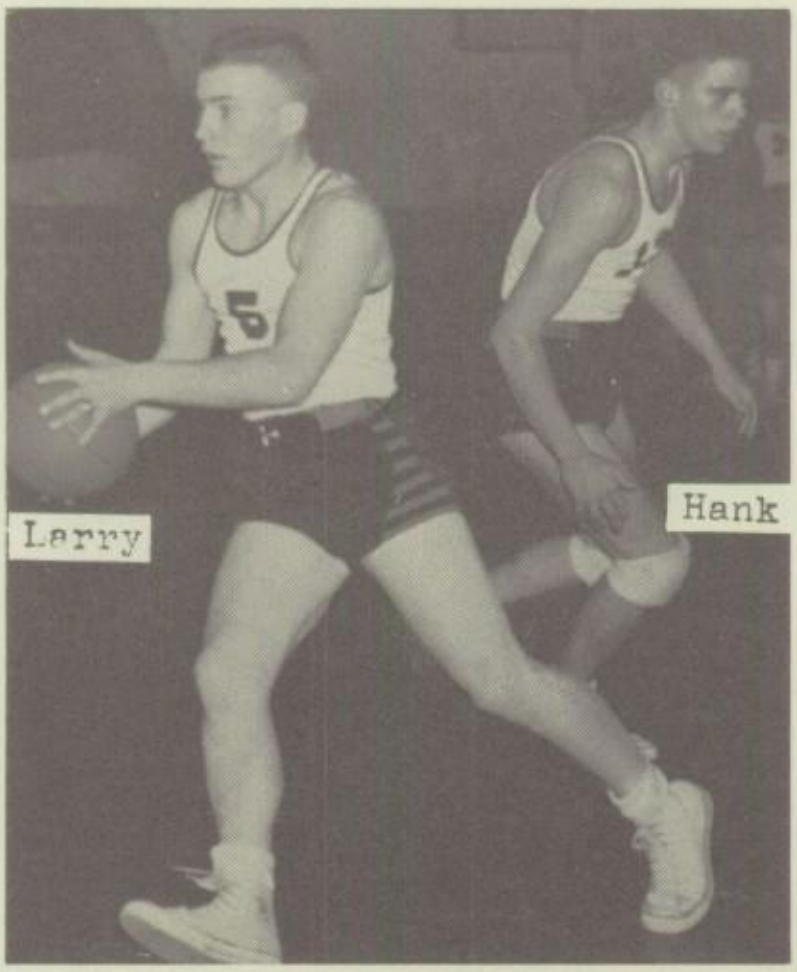
Ken

Gordy

Byron Center		Opponent
20	Ottawa Hills Reserves	6
26	Nashville	13
0	Wayland	45
13	Hopkins	7
0	Middleville	18
0	Martin	13
0	Caledonia	28
20	Hudsonville	13

OUR SENIORS IN ACTION

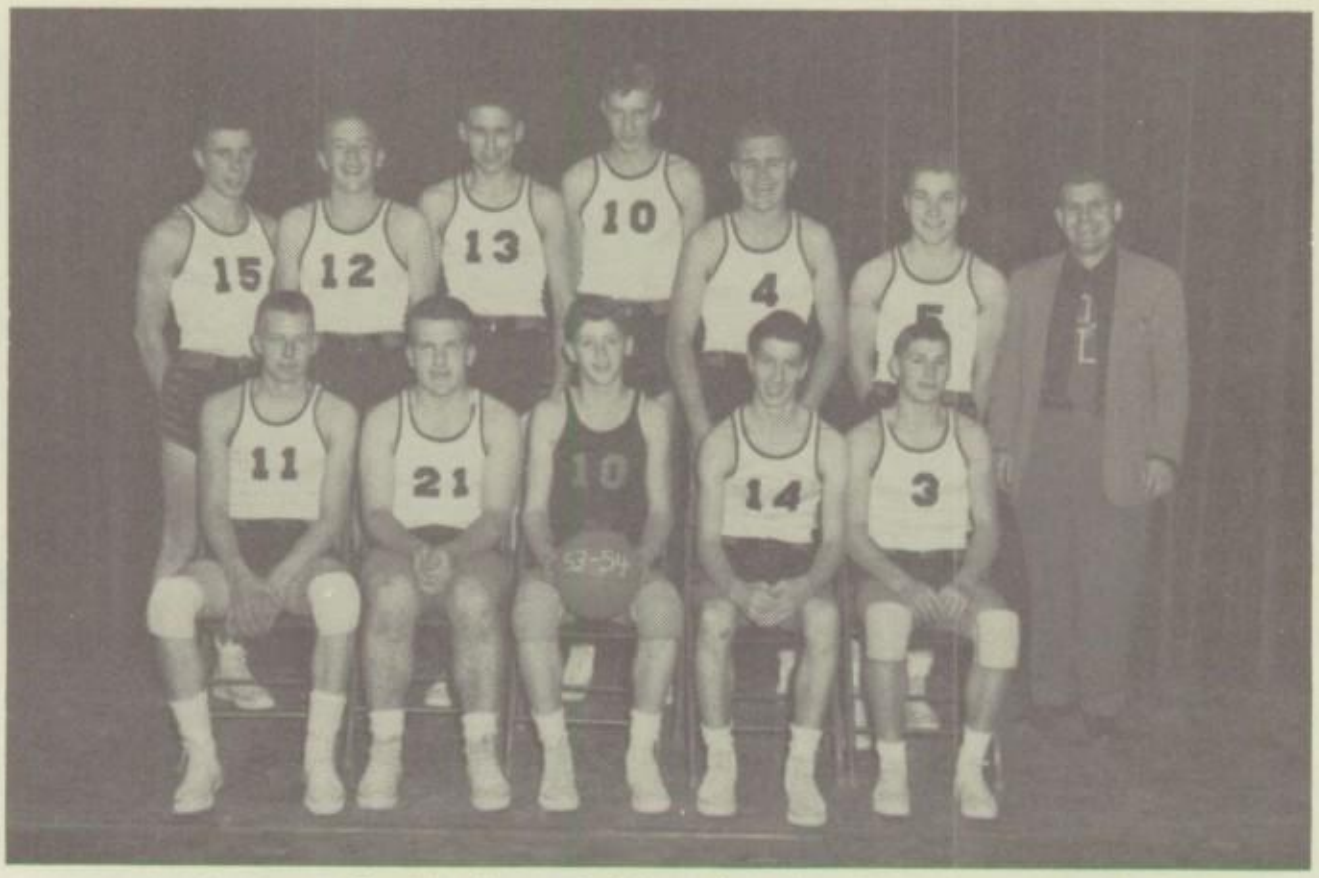
Mel



Ron

Ed

Jim



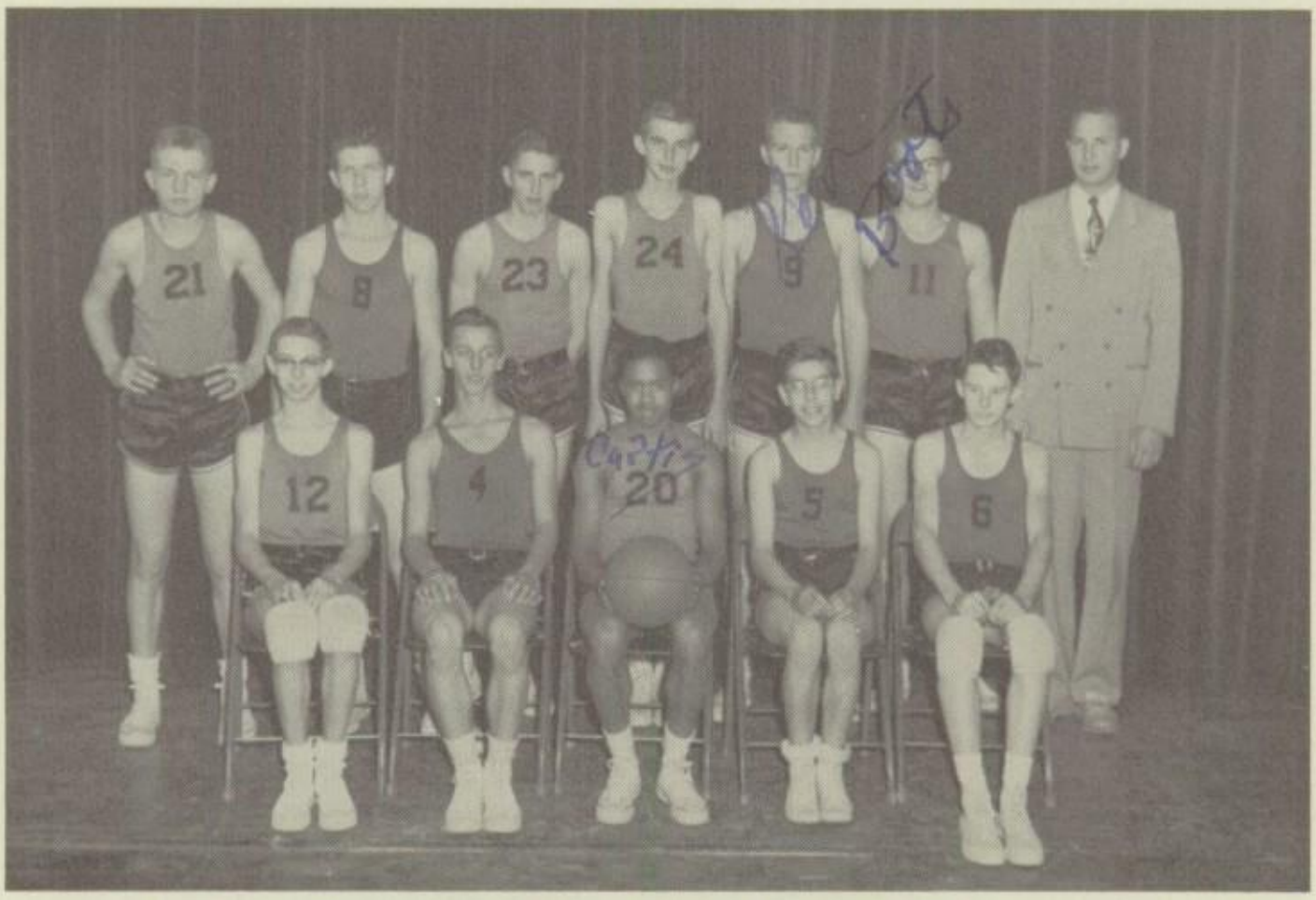
Seated from left to right--Gordy Goorhouse, Melvin Berkompas, Terry Nyenhuis, Jim Silvernail, Benny Card.

Standing--Ron Sabin, Carroll De Kline, Hank Pratt, Larry Herweyer, Ed Mac Donald, Larry Christian, Coach, Mr. Service

Basketball Schedule

December 4	Kelloggsville	H
December 11	Hopkins	A
December 14	Marne	A
December 18	Caledonia	H
January 8	Middleville	A
January 12	Hudsonville	H
January 15	Delton	H
January 22	Saranac	H
January 29	Martin	A
February 5	Wayland	A
February 9-11-13	Barkenall Tournaments	
February 26	Hudsonville	A

SECOND TEAM

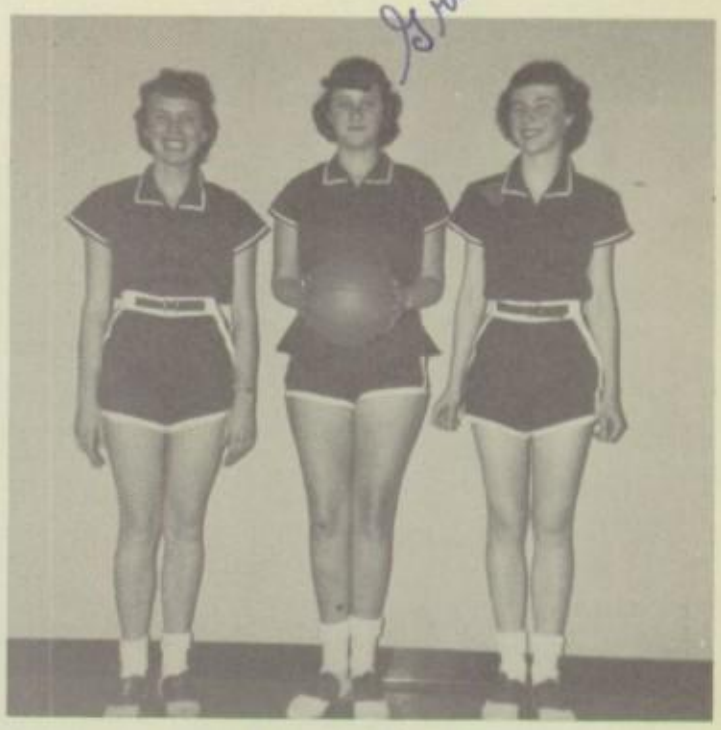


Back row: B. Middlebush, L. Brown, B. Klunder, R. Burmania, K. Idema, D. Van Strien; Coach, Mr. Huyser.

Front row: D. Nederveld, J. Van De Wege, C. Jones, R. Nichols, G. Brown.

T. Lameyer, B. Slot
N. Middlebush

L. Monroe

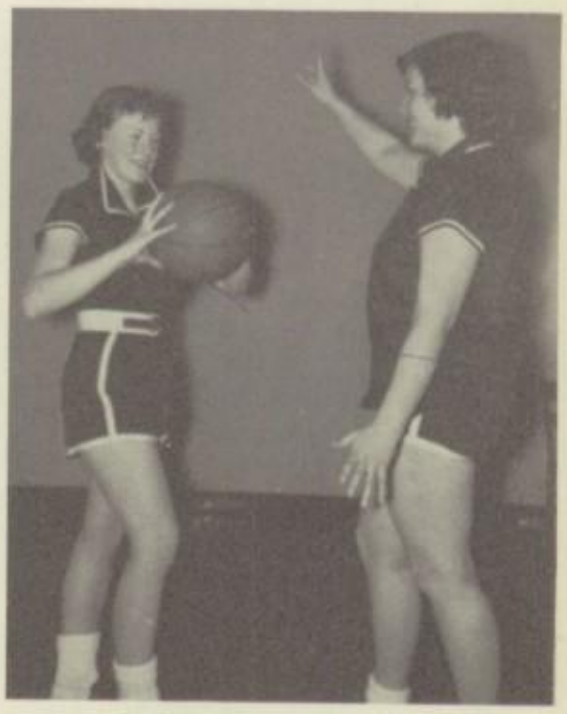


D. Elzinga, G. Grondman
J. Burmania

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

L. to R. - N. Middlebush, D. Elzinga,
B. Slot, M. Rillema, G. Grondman,
J. Burmania, S. Isenhoff, G. Hamm,
K. Klunder

Standing: M. Howerzyl,
S. Isenhoff, M. Rillema
Kneeling: G. Hamm, L. Monroe



G. Hamm, M. Howerzyl

Dear Sandie,

That handle is true now (silly). I hope we have loads more of fun like we have in the last 4 years. Just think you & I have known each other for 4 years already. It doesn't seem possible. Remember all the £ ¤ ¤ ? times we've had since 7th grade. I still laugh at the time Cork & I came to your house to get you & Colleen last winter and we went down to the pond. I gave you a nice ride home didn't I?? Well this morning Bunk is gone & I am done with the assignment. Well it's almost time so I for the bell quit. had better get a line I just nicely jumps started with I forgot and I have to don't the picture. Hatta. thing to jump. Well It's ever do any- my I would do. You kno against you much x-j-g i-o I guess can't do

If you go by that so just be careful. Be careful & be good. Try and get along with N--n and have fun. Be looking forward to our next two years at BCHS and may they be as much as the last ones were

Love your pal
Roseann
Berdean
"56"
or bust
my seam

Closing the doors for the 1954 school year are seniors Diane Terpstra and James Mohr. We hope you have enjoyed gazing through the experience of the past year.

We as graduated seniors wish you years of success in the future.

BYRON CENTER

MICHIGAN

Dear Sally:

Loads of Luck in your future years at Byron High, also when you are out. Its been swell knowing you, so be good and don't do anything - I wouldn't do.

A Friend
Norma Middlekauf

P.S. Take it easy with all your guys. Great these all real nice.

Dear Sally
I wish you all the luck & happiness in your future years. Do it every day. Forget the old Christian school. Eat those mustard, catsup & pickle sandwiches too. I'm going to show you picture. He thinks your pretty. Keep company with Boots. Be your classes. If you can. Your Friend
Chris
'56"

P.S. Take it easy on those guys. Boots said its fear to be praising you. Watch out.

Dear Sally
I wish you the best of luck in the future.
And write Norm.
Capp.

Dear Sal
It's been
swell to know such
a cute, nice girl with
such a nice smile.
I'll never forget the times
we had in Math with the Old Maid
cards (what fun).
Take it easy in sixth hour study hall. Don't make it
too hard.
A friend always
'56

Dear Sally
I wish you a lot
of luck in the
future years
Jack Kling

Dear Sally
I wish you a lot
of luck in the futur
years
Norma Tonn

Dear Sally
Its been nice knowing
you and here's hoping
a swell last sixth hour
of luck in the future
Maurice
'5 5"

Merry Christmas
Jim Ballard
'66

Dear Sally
Here's wishing
you luck and
success in years to
come. Its been fun
watching you laugh
in Math.
Mary Kay

P.S.
Don't study too hard

Dear Sally:
Here's wishing luck
the best of luck.
the smell kid
to a swell kid
to a swell kid
Dorothy
"56"

Dear Sally
Here's wishing a cute
kid the best of luck
in your last two
years of high school.
A freshman
Helen "57"

Dear Sally,
best of luck to a swell
classmate. Remember last year
when we sat together and
talked part. Classmate
Doris

Dear Sally,
Best of luck, the good
to a nice kid
Remember me
time in
A friend
Marge
"56"

Dear Sally
Here's one for you a
which wishing you the rest
of luck like. don't know
how long I'll be that will be!
Don't be such a stranger
next time! HA!
a friend
Edie Hee Manns or
Sally
OH
woman
either me
will do...
PS. Not anglers!